

Coluccio, Tina (DNRE)

From: Ringuette, Lindsey (DNRE)
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 10:53 AM
To: Coluccio, Tina (DNRE)
Subject: Humboldt Mill Storm Water Plan

I had a conversation today, Wednesday, October 20, 2010, with Kristen Mariuzza of Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company (KEMC) in regards to the Short Term Storm Water Characterization Study (STSWCS) that is required as part of the storm water component of the Humboldt Mill individual NPDES permit. Per my comments noted in a June 25, 2009, interoffice memo to Bill Taft, I had stated the following:

“Comment to Response No. C2: KEMC has agreed to combine the storm water monitoring component of the general storm water NPDES permit (Part 1.A.2 STSWCS) with the overall Part 632 surface water monitoring plan.”

Because operations of the Humboldt Mill have not yet begun, and are not planned for another couple of years, it does not make sense to combine these plans at this point in time. Therefore, it has been agreed that KEMC will follow the STSWCS protocol as required in their individual permit and sample according to the STSWCS guidance (i.e. 3 events) to adequately characterize the storm water at the site in it's current condition (i.e. non-operational).

Once the facility begins operations, then these two plans will be combined in which the storm water monitoring points, along with other surface water monitoring points, will be assessed quarterly for the duration and most likely beyond facility operations.

Ms. Mariuzza will be sending a response to me in regards to the STSWCS plan with this new information.

Please file: Humboldt Mill, Marquette County, NPDES (storm water)

Lindsey Ringuette

Environmental Quality Analyst

Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources and Environment

Water Resources Division

420 5th St.

Gwinn, MI 49841

10/20/2010

Phone: (906) 346-8518

Fax: (906) 346-4480

Email: ringuettel@michigan.gov